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(by A. M. Galloway)

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"DIGESTING
The NEWS"
BROADCASTED
Every Week from this Column
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HERE AND THERE.

In the preparation of this weekly "Digesting the News" release I am assisted by the active cooperation of nearly one hundred publishers who send me their "exchanges" regularly. On many an occasion a reader has called my attention to something specific in some "exchange" that I have failed to comment on, directly or indirectly, and for the benefit of all readers I will briefly explain why.

My releases are always prepared on Sunday and fully four-fifths of the weekly "exchanges" received do not arrive until Monday night—entirely too late to pick up a comment on some item the following Sunday. Perhaps some day I can arrange my production schedule on a more timely basis but until then I ask the readers and the publishers to overlook these seeming omissions.

Up to the present writing the Amsterdam News of New York is the only current paper in which I read of the return of Max Yergan, the 1932 Spingarn Medalist from Africa. That medal is quite attractive.

Floyd G. Snelson, late of Courier fame, is now the managing editor of the Buffalo Star. So, the "Harlem Limited—Broadway Bound", is now running out of Buffalo, instead of Pittsburgh.

Negro journalism receives a credit in the manner of its reporting the Scottsboro trial. Special representatives; telegraph service. And the ILLD, ANP, and CNS, are sending out many extra special bulletins.

Congressman Oscar DePriest is not only the representative for the first Illinois district but for all Afro-Americans. Recently I wanted some specific information that only a Congressman or Senator could well secure. I wrote to our Congressman, and in a few days the desired information was at hand.

I know that J. A. Rogers, author of "World's Greatest Men of African Descent", is in America, but unless he is using a non de plume I am unable to locate his connection with any particular paper. (This is for the benefit of that Ohio reader who wanted this particular information.)

Although I was late in reading it, Walter Wilson's "Chain Gangs and Profits" in the April Harper's Magazine should be read by every race reader, interested in the subject. And how well do I personally know the truth of the conditions he describes?

Out of all the publications I read none give me the real inside facts on the demerits of advertised products, as do the monthly bulletins of the Consumer's Research Society, of New York.

The recent New York Age editor, in the Tuskegee Institute Savings Bank is worthy of being "Reprinted" in all our papers. I owe that particular bank a debt and although, legally, I've paid it, I still recognize the moral obligation involved.

Jury Sentences Boy To Death After Deliberating For 21 Hours

Eight Others to Face Jury

Decatur, Ala., April 9—Death in the electric chair! This was the verdict of the all-white jury in the case of Haywood Patterson 19 year old Negro boy. The verdict was rendered at 10:50 this morning, after the jury had been "deliberating" the case for eighteen and one half hours.

At 9:58 a. m., while only a half a dozen reporters, and the bailiff were in the courtroom, three loud knocks were heard on the door of the jury-room.

ABOUT 20 MINUTES EARLIER LOUD LAUGHTER HAD BEEN HEARD ISSUING FROM BEHIND THE LOCKED JURY-ROOM DOORS. The first ballot of the jury was eleven for death and one for life imprisonment, thus accounting for the many hours the jury stayed out.

Judge Horton hurried here from his home in Athens 12 miles away, to receive the report of the jury. A hush fell over the court room as the 100 spectators, who had arrived in the meantime, heard the verdict read:

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty as charged and fix his punishment as death."

Several of the jurymen had grins on their faces as they filed into the jury box. As soon as the verdict was read Judge Horton thanked the jury, and soldiers with fixed bayonets rushed Patterson back to the jail.

The boy's head drooped and tears formed in his eyes as the verdict was read. Patterson had been brought in at 10:30 by six soldiers with automatic rifles on their shoulders. He smiled bravely, but his lips trembled in anticipation of the verdict.

To Be Sentenced April 17 Kansmen and their supporters rushed gleefully from the courtroom, shouting "Sentenced to death! Sentenced to death!"

Formal sentence upon Patterson will be passed by Judge Horton on April 17, when the re-trial of Charlie Weems, another of the innocent defendants, begins.

Newspapermen made a rush for the telegraph and telephone wires as the verdict was read.

Lynchers Ready Last night, with lynch mobs girding for action in the event of an acquittal, all the Negro boys but Patterson were suddenly taken to the Birmingham county jail. It was to this jail that the boys had been brought after ILLD attorneys had forced their removal from the death cells in Kilby prison.

Samuel S. Leibowitz, chief trial lawyer of the defense, denounced the verdict as the "working of bigots." He added that he would "fight this case to my dying days."

Gen. George W. Chamlee, chief defense counsel, served notice of an immediate appeal. "We will carry it straight back to Washington. It will be back in Alabama in another year or two."



Lester Carter

Lester Carter, companion of Ruby Bates, on hobo trip, who last week testified for the Scottsboro defense in Decatur court, telling of frame-up plans in Scottsboro jail, and telling story of trip which tallied in all details with testimony of Ruby Bates, who repudiated her original charges of "rape" later in the afternoon of the same day.

SCOTTSBORO MEETING

Scottsboro Mass Meeting will be held Monday, April 17th at 7:30 p. m. at Bethel Baptist Church, 29th and T Sts. Speeches will be delivered by Charles Edward Gray, A. B. and others. The meeting will be under the auspices of the International Labor Defense.

MARY WHITE OVINGTON AT SESSION OF SCOTTSBORO TRIAL

New York, April 7—The dramatic session of the famous Scottsboro trial on April 6 when Ruby Bates appeared and denied the nine boys had ever attacked her was attended by Mary White Ovington, one of the founders of the NAACP. Miss Ovington is on a tour of the southern branches of the association. She wired Walter White: "Carter and Ruby Bates fine witnesses under grilling cross examination—poverty on trial and whatever the verdict poverty with its hunger will be convicted."

Birmingham, April—Arrangements have been made here for several liberal white groups to hear Mary White Ovington, one of the founders and present treasurer of the NAACP, during her visit to the Birmingham branch of the association April 11-13. She will speak at a mass meeting April 11 and will be the guest of Colored and white and mixed groups during the next two days. Her visit is arousing keen interest among whites and Negroes and the newspapers have been generous with advance publicity.

NEW LINCOLN MARKET OPENS

The Lincoln Market has moved to its new location at 24th and Franklin Sts. This has added another opportunity for Colored employment. Mrs. Louise Scott, who is active in fraternal and civic affairs of our city, has been employed to be at the new store. They also have 3 other Colored employees, namely: George Edwards, Frost Christopherson and "Shef" Edwards. The management states that their aim will be to give the public the very best merchandise at the lowest possible prices. The store has been greatly enlarged and is now one of the most spacious markets in the mid-city district. Look for Adv. of meat prices on page two.

AN EASTER VISION by R. A. Adams (For the Literary Service Bureau)

Hanging, bleeding, groaning, crying, I beheld the Saviour dying, Suffering bitterest agony, Man from sin and death to free.

I beheld Him gently sleeping, While grim soldiers watch are keeping, Lest before the dawn of day, Friends should steal His corpse away.

Now, I view angels descending, At the sepulchre low bending, Touch the stone, and, as He said, Christ arises from the dead.

While anew the world rejoices, With glad hearts and cheerful voices, Let the nations rise and sing, Praise unto our KING!

JEW'S GRATEFUL FOR SYMPATHY IN HITLER PERSECUTION

New York, April—Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, honorary president of the American Jewish Congress, the gratitude of the Jewish people for the sympathy of Negro Americans in the hour of Hitler persecution of Jews in Germany, in a letter to Walter White secretary of the NAACP. "I know, and have indeed felt, that the deepest sympathy of you and your people is with us in our hour of sorrow," the famous liberal rabbi writes.

Mr. White had written Mr. Wise: "Though it is a truism to make such a statement, yet the truth can never be too frequently or too strongly emphasized that bigotry and race hatred against any racial group work disastrously against all minority groups, to say nothing of the deteriorating effect upon those who practice such intolerance. Twelve million American Negroes look with horror upon the physical violence and proscription which are being inflicted upon Jews in Germany, having learned in our own United States what is means to suffer."

SENATOR WAGNER NAMED HEAD OF LEVEE PROBE COMMITTEE

Washington, D. C. April—Senator Robert F. Wagner, of New York was named chairman of the special senate committee to investigate labor conditions in the Mississippi river levee camps by Vice President Garner yesterday. Other members of the committee are Senator Gerald P. Nye republican, North Dakota and Senator Hubert D. Stephens, democrat, of Mississippi. The resolution authorizing the committee, which was introduced by Senator Wagner, was passed in the closing days of the last congress, but the appointments were held up until the new session opened.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and its branches throughout the country pressed for a senate investigation after a report made to it last summer by Miss Helen Boardman who was sent down into the camps by the national office. She charged wages for Negroes were about ten cents an hour; hot work days were 12 and 14 hours in length; that sanitary conditions were bad; that brutality was practiced in some of the camps; and that camp commissaries overcharged het men as much as 500 per cent on some articles; and that foremen loaned money to workers at 25 per cent interest rates.

WAGNER SURE TO GIVE FAIR DEAL, DECLARES NAACP

New York, April—The Negro citizens of the country can be assured that the senate committee named to investigate conditions in the levee camps will examine fairly into all evidence of alleged virtual slavery, declared the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People here today. The association, which has made two investigations into the camps in the delta and which asked Senator

Wagner to introduce a resolution for a senate investigation, pointed out that Senator Wagner has long been an outspoken, fearless advocate of fairness to the Negro. He was the only senator who dared to speak plainly on the Judge Parker nomination in 1930 bringing the color question, the real issue in the Parker fight, out on the senate floor. Senator Nye is one of the band of liberal in the senate and is known to be open-minded and inclined to sympathize with minority groups. He is a foe of wage slavery and exploitation. Senator Stephens has not expressed himself on the levee situation, but it is believed that he is desirous of getting at the truth of the conditions particularly in his home state, since a decent wage for the thousands of Negroes employed on the levees would mean more money spent with Mississippi merchants in the cities and towns along the river.

SOUTHERN COMMISSION ON LYNCHING ANNOUNCES FINAL REPORT IN BOOK FORM

Atlanta, Ga., April—The Southern Commission on the Study of Lynching, headed by George Fort Milton, editor of the Chattanooga News, today announced the publication of its final report in the form of a 500 page book just from the University of N. Carolina Press.

Entitled "The Tragedy of Lynching," this volume is the result of two years of painstaking investigation and study of lynching phenomena, and lays bare to the public a vast amount of authentic information on this subject never before available. It surveys the general lynching situation over a period of forty years, presents exhaustive case studies of each of the twenty-one lynchings of 1930, and also includes studies of a number of cases in which threatened lynchings were averted.

CHORUS SINGS IN CALHOUN

The Hillside Presbyterian Church Choir accompanied by members of the Community Chorus, sang "The Seven Last Words" by DuBois last Friday night at the Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church under the direction of Rev. J. S. Williams. The soloists were: Mrs. Ruth Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Broadus, Mrs. Irene Morton and Mr. H. L. Preston. Miss Edrose Willis played the piano.

FREE GARDEN INSTITUTE HELD

A large group of people attended the Garden Institute held at the North Side "Y", on Thursday, April 6th, under the auspices of the Family Welfare Association. Mr. E. A. Hoppert, Horticulturist, School of Agriculture, University of Nebraska, gave a practical talk on gardening. Many questions concerning flowers and vegetables were answered.

WOMEN'S GLEE CLUB OF HOWARD UNI. TO BE PRESENTED

Washington, D. C. April—The Women's Glee Club of Howard University will be presented in the lecture-recital series at 8:15 Tuesday evening in Andrew Rankin Chapel.

In addition to selections by group, Miss Louise Burge will sing "Der Erl Ronig" by Schubert; Miss Ethyl Wise, Mrs. Ruth Logan, and Miss Burge will sing "Evening Fair" by Debussy, arranged by Coleman; and Miss Ethyl Wise will sing "Ah fors'ui che l'anima" from Traviata by Verdi.

ROSS DRUG CO. BURGLARIZED

The Ross Drug Store at 2124 N. 24th Street was broken into Monday night. A drawer from the cash register was smashed and the two locks on the entrance door were sprung. A small amount of change in pennies was taken. Detectives were notified.

Phila. Builds Test Case Against Jim Crowism

Philadelphia, Pa., April—Theatres in this city which have gradually adopted rules, contrary to law, barring Negroes from seats on the main floor of practically all movie houses, are to be challenged in a law suit to be brought by the Philadelphia branch of the NAACP. The branch believes it has an "airtight" case. Last week, I. Max Martin, secretary of the branch, and George J. Evans, jr. purchased tickets at the Stanton theatre which entitled them to sit anywhere in the house. They were directed to the balcony and a man who claimed to be the mgr. refused absolutely to seat them on the main floor. Their witness was a light-skinned colored man, Paul Binford, dental student at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Binford purchased a ticket and was admitted to the main floor. He lingered near the door and heard all the argument. Herbert F. Millen, an attorney and president of the local branch, has declared war against jim crowism in the "City of Brotherly Love" and has filed suit against the theatre corporation under Pennsylvania laws, which forbid segregation.

ORDINANCE BARRING JOB JIM CROW SOUGHT BY SAN DIEGO CITIZENS

San Diego, Calif., April—A city ordinance which would bar discrimination in employment on city public works is being sought here by the San Diego branch of the NAACP. The branch is also sponsoring a better baby campaign and health clinic during April in charge of Dr. F. C. Calvert, the only colored physician in the city.

"With Our... Law Makers" by O. J. BURCKHARDT

The Nebraska Legislature began on another busy week with some of the largest problems before them that ever confronted a body of lawmakers. The repeal of the 18th amendment, the beer bill and the general appropriation bill which was sent over from the house to the senate with a million dollar cut below Bryan's original figures, Senator Callan (Dem.) of O. Dell, Chairman of the Finance Committee, called his committee into consultation at once.

In the meantime, senate was discussing the economy bill as to uniform mileage fee proposed which the house had passed. The senate left unchanged it's previous actions of making an exemption in the favor of the sheriffs 8c a mile against 5c left to other affairs, but it remained against the amendment to reduce the per diem of game commission member from \$10 to \$7 and to abolish the \$2500 office of coroner physician in Douglas County.

The coroner's physician section of the bill was restored over objection of Senator Bullock of McCook, (Dem.) He demanded that Douglas County be cut out and Senator Sam Rathwell of Douglas County, (Dem.) said that Douglas County should be left alone and the vote stood 17-8.

The house wrestled with the income tax proposal, heard their farm mortgage moratorium criticized and began work on a court commission bill. The house tackled three measures Monday without definite actions except on another farm relief bill.

The irrigation power project is threatened with certain amendments that its friends claim means death to the measure. This irrigation bill has had a rocky voyage all along and it would not surprise me to see it take a nose dive on the third reading.

Tuesday afternoon, there were evidences of efficient work on the part of friends of the bill and the Chase amendment striking the petition section was defeated 43 to 19 after the members from Douglas had all been successful in the morning with all of his

About 500 people, attended the grand opening of the Mid-City Community Center located at 23rd and Lake St., Tuesday evening. As you entered the door you were cordially greeted and shown over the building by a special escort. The basement has been marked off for basketball, volley ball and other games that young people enjoy playing. On the first floor is located the library and the auditorium. The nursery, in which young children may be left under the special care of a trained nurse, and the dental and medical clinics are on the second floor. These clinics are fully equipped and ready for use.

After being escorted over the building, the guests were seated in the auditorium that was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and fresh palms. Simon Harold's orchestra very willingly donated their services for the evening and their melodious music was a rare treat. Mr. Sherman of Edholm and Sherman Laundry Company, who is chairman of the Executive Board, gave a short talk thanking the people who had so kindly helped put this project over. He also introduced Miss Madeline Shipman, Mrs. C. Singleton, and Mrs. Rae Lee Jones who are volunteering their services and who will be in charge. Then the Executive Board was introduced.

These men have worked hard and given much of their valuable time and much thanks should be given to E. W. Sherman, H. A. Taylor, Dr. Craig Morris, C. C. Galloway, and H. Friedlander and many others for their untiring efforts.

Mr. William Pickens, the National Field Secretary of the NAACP, gave a short talk. He stated that he thought this was one of the finest undertakings that he had seen. Mr. Pickens delayed his return home to New York so that he might be in Omaha for the opening of the Center. After the program refreshments were served an believe it or not, there was a group of young boys upstairs working jig-saw puzzles and playing checkers. They were so interested that they didn't come down stairs for ice-cream and cookies.

To those who haven't seen this as set to the community, it is a wonderful place to send the children and come yourself for good, clean sports and recreation. amendments. An amendment requiring a \$10,000 bond of each member of the board of directors of a district was approved.

The Legislators in both the house and senate are complexed over the beer bill which is going to make an ugly fight, especially in the house.

Omaha is putting forth every effort to put over the program in favor of beer and in my judgement, it will be a hard fought battle for both houses. The senate, I am sure, will favor the measure, but not as a whole but the percentage will be enough to carry the measure. I question very much if the Governor will sign the bill, even though it be passed by both house.

The Anti-Saloon League and the Women's Temperance Unions and other social agencies are using their efforts to defeat the measure but, the old adage, I am afraid, will prove true in this fight, "Talk is cheap, but it takes money to win." With the majority of the people they only see one side of this problem and that is beer for the people. When the children of Israel came out of Egypt, they hungered for the flesh pots of Egypt. In the meantime, the Lord was daily supplying them with manna and honey from Heaven, but that did not satisfy so he had to give them meat, which was to their great sorrow. So will it be in this case. They can tell me all they want about 3.2 percent beer not being intoxicating, but nothing will ever satisfy the lust of men but a beer that will make drunk.

Watch next week's notes. The end is not yet so far as the Legislature is concerned.